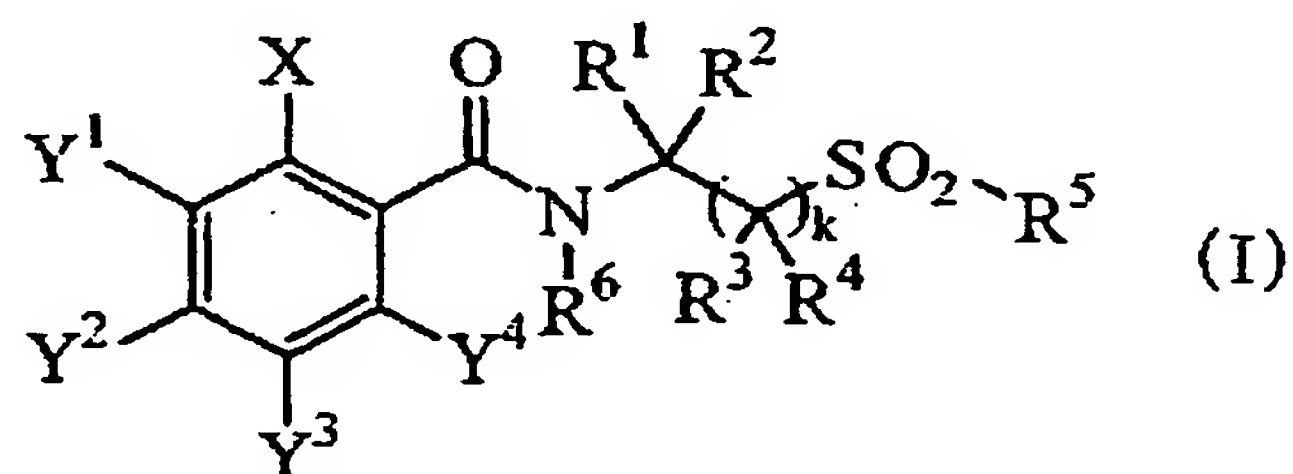


## ABSTRACT

A novel process for producing a 2-halogenobenzamide compound useful as a raw material or active ingredient for medicines and agricultural chemicals. The process, which is for producing a 2-halogenobenzamide compound represented by the general formula (I):



(wherein  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ , and  $R^6$  may be the same or different and each represents hydrogen or  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl;  $R^5$  represents  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl;  $k$  is 1 or 2;  $Y^1$ ,  $Y^2$ ,  $Y^3$ , and  $Y^4$  may be the same or different and each represents hydrogen, halogeno, etc.; and  $X$  represents chlorine, bromine, or iodine), is characterized by reacting an benzamide compound with a halogenating agent in the presence of a palladium catalyst to obtain a substituted benzamide compound and then reacting the resultant substituted benzamide compound with an oxidizing agent after or without isolating the substituted benzamide compound.